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SOURCE:

1. On 3 October 1953 a Communist manifestation honoring the success of the interpellation of Minister of Government PONCE by Communist Senator Pedro SAAD was held in the Quito suburb of Cotocollao.¹
2. In addition to a large number of young Communists, the manifestation was attended by Pedro SAAD, Rafael ECHEVERRIA Flores, Anna Bartonova de ECHEVERRIA, Olga MUNOZ de Carrera, Patricio CUEVA Jaramillo, Alejandro CARRION (pen name Juan sin CIELO), and Jose Maria ROURA Cevallos. The price of each ticket to take part in this manifestation was 20 sucres, and food and drink were provided. During the evening there was considerable conversation regarding the recent trip of Olga MUNOZ to Eastern Europe, and the "Internationale" was sung.
3. The manifestation was considered to be a great success by those who attended.

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1. Comment. The manifestation appears to have been more of a "success" than SAAD's interpellation of PONCE, as the move to censure PONCE was voted down by a large majority. reported from another source that PCE leaders regarded SAAD's poor showing in the interpellation as a major defeat for the Party and that a move was afoot, led by ECHEVERRIA and Primitivo BARRETO, to replace SAAD, as secretary-general of the Party.

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